

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:244
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INCIDENTS OF ILLEGAL COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether increasing incidents of illegal coal-mining have been reported from various States during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra and Jharkhand;
- (c) the number of labourers employed in these mines, State-wise and Mine-wise; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to protect the interests of these labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a) & (b) : Illegal mining is mostly taking place in old and abandoned mines, small and isolated patches, out crop areas and areas which are not in the leasehold areas of public sector companies. Due to clandestine nature of illegal activities the exact quantum of coal so mined cannot be ascertained.

However, following the raids conducted by the security personnel of the concerned coal companies and joint raids with law and order authorities of the concerned State Government, the quantity of coal recovered and value thereof (approximate) during the last three years including current year, (State-wise) are given as under :

STATE	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
	Upto December, 2008 (Provisional)			
	Quan- tity reco- vered (Approx. (te)	Approx. tity reco- vered (Approx. (te)	Quan Value reco- vered (Approx. (te)	Approx. tity reco- vered (Approx. (te)
West Bengal	2460.00	24.1104	2389.00	23.890
	2055.00	20.550	2861.81	29.260
Jharkhand	1192.81	16.277	1606.00	16.39
	1002.90	14.003	3043.33	41.285
Madhya Pradesh	59.50	0.655	519.81	6.717
	81.00	1.400	00	00
Maharashtra	00 00	00	00 00	00
	11.00	0.110		
Chhattisgarh	9.50	0.095	60.00	0.840
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(c) Since illegal mining is carried out in clandestine manner, it is not possible to quantify the number of labourers employed.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.